

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Atty. Dkt.: 829-583

Date: August 13, 2001

Sir:

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Attached for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: KUBO et al.

Entitled: LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE 08/13/01

and including attachments as noted below:

☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☒ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract
215 pages of specification and claims (including 28 numbered claims), and
36 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.

☐ Record the attached assignment and return to the undersigned.

☐ Attached is a Power of Attorney.

☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

| Application Number | Country | Day/Month/Year Filed |
|--------------------|---------|----------------------|
| 9-359047 | Japan | 26 December 1997 |
| 10-053123 | Japan | 5 March 1998 |
| 10-142412 | Japan | 25 May 1998 |
| 10-198459 | Japan | 14 July 1998 |
| 10-198464 | Japan | 14 July 1998 |
| 10-201392 | Japan | 16 July 1998 |
| 10-204136 | Japan | 21 July 1998 |

☐ , respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

☐ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.

☒ Certified copy(ies) filed on January 28, 1999 in prior appln. no. 09/220,792 filed Dec. 28, 1998

☐ Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: --This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

☒ Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph before the first line: --This application is a ☐ continuation/☒ division/☐ continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/220,792, filed December 28, 1998, which is a CIP of 09/122,756, filed July 27, 1998, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--

☐ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.

☒ The prior application is assigned to Sharp Kabushiki Kaisha.

☒ It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached.

☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.

☒ Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:

Cancel claims 1-28 and add new claims 29-34.

☒ Also attached: ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☐

FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY HEREWITH CANCELED

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| Basic Filing Fee | | \$ | 710.00 |
| Total effective claims | 6 - 20 (at least 20) = 0 | x \$ 18.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Independent claims | 2 - 3 (at least 3) = 0 | x \$ 80.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| If any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$270.00 (ignore improper) | | | \$ 0.00 |
| | | SUBTOTAL | \$ 710.00 |
| If "small entity," then enter half (1/2) of subtotal and subtract | | -\$ (| 0.00) |
| | | SECOND SUBTOTAL | \$ 710.00 |
| Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00) | | \$ | 0.00 |
| | | TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED | \$ 710.00 |

Any future submission requiring an extension of time is hereby stated to include a petition for such time extension.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our **Account No. 14-1140**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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